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AMENDMENTS

In The Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 8 to 10, 13 to 15 and 20 to read as shown below. The amendments to claims 1, 8 to 10, 13 to 15 and 20 are detailed in the attached Appendix.

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1. (Three Times amended) A closure with a directionally peelable opening feature for articles comprising a first and second layer of different polymeric films, wherein each layer has an upper and lower surface, and the lower surface of the first layer and the upper surface of the second layer each have at least one bondable area and at least one non-bondable area, wherein the upper surface of the first layer is peelably attached to the lower surface of the second layer at a separation interface, provided that when the closure is used to secure an article, at least one non-bondable area of the lower surface of the first layer and at least one non-bondable area of the upper surface of the second layer are not attached to the article.

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8. (Amended) The closure of claim 1 wherein the bondable areas of the lower surface of the first layer and the upper surface of the second layer comprise a pressure sensitive adhesive.

9. (Amended) The closure of claim 1 wherein the bondable areas of the lower surface of the first layer and the upper surface of the second layer comprise a heat sealable material.

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10. (Three Times Amended) A directionally peelable closure for articles comprising a first and second layer of different polyolefin films, wherein each layer has an upper and lower surface, and the lower surface of the first layer and the upper

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surface of the second layer each have at least one bondable area and at least one non-bondable area, wherein the upper surface of the first layer is peelably attached to the lower surface of the second layer at a separation interface and wherein the separation interface between the first and second layers has a peel strength in the range of about 30 to about 400 grams per 1-inch width at 90° peel, provided that when the closure is used to secure an article, at least one non-bondable area of the lower surface of the first layer and at least one non-bondable area of the upper surface of the second layer are not attached to the article.

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13. (Amended) The closure of claim 10 wherein the bondable areas of the lower surface of the first layer and the upper surface of the second layer comprise a pressure sensitive adhesive.

14. (Amended) The closure of claim 10 wherein the bondable areas of the lower surface of the first layer and the upper surface of the second layer comprise a heat sealable material.

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15. (Three Times Amended) A container sealed with a directionally peelable closure, comprising an article which is articulated to provide for sealing with a closure and a closure adhered to the article, wherein the closure comprises a first and second layer of different polymeric films, wherein each layer has an upper and lower surface, and the lower surface of the first layer and the upper surface of the second layer each have at least one bondable area and at least one non-bondable area, wherein the upper surface of the first layer is peelably attached to the lower surface of the second layer at a separation interface, and wherein the closure has at least one non-bondable area of the lower surface of the first layer and at least one non-bondable area of the upper surface of the second layer which is not bonded to the container.

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20. (Three Times Amended) A reuseable directionally sealed container comprising a container with two sealing means and two closures which are directionally peelable, wherein each closure is positioned on the container to contact a sealing means and wherein each closure comprises a first and second layer of different polymeric films, wherein each layer has an upper and lower surface, and the lower surface of the first layer and the upper surface of the second layer each have at least one bondable area and at least one non-bondable area, wherein the upper surface of the first layer is peelably attached to the lower surface of the second layer at a separation interface, and wherein each closure has at least one non-bondable area of the lower surface of the first layer and at least one non-bondable area of the upper surface of the second layer which is not bonded to the container.

Please add the following new claims:

--23. (Added) The closure of claim 1 further comprising a release liner formed on one or more of the bondable areas.

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24. (Added) A closure with a directionally peelable opening feature for articles comprising a first and second layer of different polymeric films, wherein each layer has an upper and lower surface, and at least one portion of the lower surface of the first layer and at least one portion of the upper surface of the second layer are covered by at least one bondable material, wherein the upper surface of the first layer is peelably attached to the lower surface of the second layer at a separation interface, and provided that when the closure is used to secure an article, the bondable material is attached to the article.

25. ~~(Added)~~ The closure of claim 24 wherein the films of the first and second layers have been uniaxially oriented.

26. (Added) The closure of claim 24 wherein the bondable material is at least one pressure sensitive adhesive material.

27. (Added) The closure of claim 24 wherein the bondable material is at least one heat seal material.

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28. (Added) The closure of claim 24 further comprising a release liner formed on the bondable material of at least one of the lower surface of the first layer and the upper surface of the second layer.

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29. ~~(Added)~~ A directionally peelable closure for articles comprising a first and second layer of different polyolefin films, wherein each layer has an upper and lower surface, and at least one portion of the lower surface of the first layer and at least one portion of the upper surface of the second layer are covered by at least one bondable material, wherein the upper surface of the first layer is peelably attached to the lower surface of the second layer at a separation interface and wherein the separation interface between the first and second layers has a peel strength in the range of about 30 to about 400 grams per 1-inch width at 90° peel, provided that when the closure is used to secure an article, the bondable material is attached to the article.

30. ~~(Added)~~ The closure of claim 29 wherein the films of the first and second layers have been uniaxially oriented.

31. (Added) The closure of claim 29 wherein the bondable material is at least one pressure sensitive adhesive material.

32. (Added) The closure of claim 29 wherein the bondable material is at least one heat seal material.

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~~33. (Added) A container sealed with a directionally peelable closure, comprising an article which is articulated to provide for sealing with a closure and a closure adhered to the article, wherein the closure comprises a first and second layer of different polymeric films, wherein each layer has an upper and lower surface, and at least one portion of the lower surface of the first layer and at least one portion of the upper surface of the second layer are covered by at least one bondable material, wherein the upper surface of the first layer is peelably attached to the lower surface of the second layer at a separation interface, and wherein the closure has at least one portion which lacks bondable material on the lower surface of the first layer and at least one portion which lacks bondable material on the upper surface of the second layer, the portions having bondable material bonding to the container and the portions lacking bondable material not bonding to the container.~~

~~34. (Added) The container of claim 33 wherein the films of the first and second layers have been uniaxially oriented.~~

35. (Added) The container of claim 33 wherein the bondable material is at least one pressure sensitive adhesive material.

36. (Added) The container of claim 33 wherein the bondable material is at least one heat seal material.